

REMARKS

Summary Of Office Action

Claims 1-41 are pending in this application.

The Examiner has required restriction of this application to the invention of one of the following two groups:

Group I (claims 1-25, 31, and 38-41), and

Group II (claims 26-30 and 32-37).

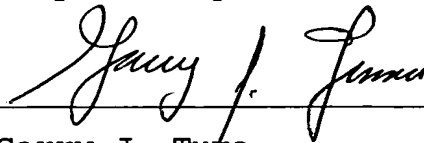
Applicants' Reply

Applicants believe the Examiner mistakenly included claims 32-37 in Group II. Claims 32-37 depend from Group I claim 31, which depends directly from Group I claim 1 (the Examiner may have thought that claims 32-27 depended from Group II claim 30). Accordingly, applicants believe that claims 32-37 should be in Group I. If this is not so, please advise.

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-25 and 31-41) for examination.

Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue the invention of the non-elected group, as originally claimed, in a divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,



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